



## DANCE

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plus baked potato, sour cream, salad with  
choice of dressing, roll, butter

**Ribs - Full Slab \$14, Half Slab, \$7.50**

**Chicken - \$6**

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# Just the facts®

Friday, Sept. 19, 1997

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## Hoopeston Area to dip into savings to meet 1998 budget

Hoopeston Area school officials will have to dip into their coffers next year to come up with a balanced budget.

At Thursday's meeting, the school board approved a 1998 budget written with more than \$782,000 of red ink.

Although the budget reflects a large deficit, Superintendent Don Dean said the actual difference will be smaller.

"It looks a lot worse than it will probably end up," Dean told the board, saying approximately \$150,000 in revenues will be added, while expenses will probably be less than the four percent included in the budget. "I painted a very worst scenario," he said.

Lower enrollment and a decrease in state aid are main factors in the deficit, Dean said.

In the past seven years, district size has decreased by approximately 300 students, or \$750,000 in state aid.

Coupled with lower enrollment will be a smaller check from the state, he said.

For the first time, Hoopeston Area will not receive an increase in state money. Although the district will receive "hold harmless" funds from the state, it will not be enough to make up the difference, Dean said.

While funding goes down, expenses have risen, Dean said. Increases in salaries and benefits alone will add \$200,000 to the budget, coupled with things like one-time expenditures for items such as new technology, he said.

In related, Dean distributed a fact sheet showing tax rates of school districts in Vermilion, Iroquois and Ford counties.

Of the 21 districts listed, Hoopeston Area's rate of \$3.50 per \$100 assessed valuation is the lowest. Bismarck-Henning, the next lowest, has a rate of \$4.20, while Crescent City in Iroquois County is the highest with \$5.95.

The fact sheet is distributed with today's Just the Facts.

## International company bananas over Stokely USA deal

Chiquita Brands International has agreed to purchase Stokely USA in a \$110 million stock-and-debt deal.

Stokely has seven processing facilities in the Midwest, including the Hoopeston cannery. All will be merged into Chiquita's Friday Canning group, which operates eight production sites in Wisconsin and a joint venture in China, according to announcements from both companies.

Under terms of the agreement, the Cincinnati, Ohio-based Chiquita will exchange \$1 worth of its stock for each of Stokely's outstanding 11.4 million shares and will trade Chiquita common shares for Stokely's long-term debt of approximately \$100 million.

The boards of both companies have agreed to the

merger, but Stokely shareholders must vote on the issue at their January 1998 meeting.

What effect the merger will have on the local plant is unknown, said Drew Allen, local production manager. "There's nothing definitive on what's going to happen to anybody," he said. "For some, it'll be a boost up; for some, it won't."

The Hoopeston plant may be more fortunate than others, Allen said, because it is the only pumpkin canning operation. Also, the plant area is new "and we do have lots of room for expansion," he said.

The Hoopeston Stokely plant has 27 full time employees and has approximately 250 workers during pumpkin pack.

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## Police News



**Robert Shaffer**, 843 E. Seminary, reported Thursday that someone put roofing nails in the street. The nails damaged two tires on his vehicle when he drove over

them.  
**Harold Cox**, 908 Sprague, reported Thrusday that someone dumped garbage on his property.

### Briefly

#### City sells lot

A vacant lot in Hoopeston’s downtown may be the site of a store in a year or two.

The Hoopeston city council on Tuesday approved selling an empty lot to Paul and Sandra Drullinger, owner of For Keeps.

The lot, located between Global Fashions and Rhonda’s Baskets in the 200 block of East Main, was appraised at and sold for \$3,600.

The couple hope to eventually build a store on the lot. “We just bought it thinking in a couple years, if things go well, we might put a shop there,” Mrs. Drullinger

said.

#### Fingerprinting children


The Hoopeston Jaycees will fingerprint and photograph children from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

#### Apple Day


Special Olympics volunteers will sell apples from 7 a. m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Main and Market, Market and Penn and Routes 1 and 9.

#### School fact sheet

A Hoopeston Area schools fact sheet is part of today’s Just the Facts. Superintendent Don Dean plans to write a



## Lunch Menus



#### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, oven fries, carrots, slaw, graham cracker, pears.  
TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce.  
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, oven tri tator, veggie sticks, bread, margarine, peaches.  
THURSDAY:BBQ/bun, corn, salad, fruit crisp.  
FRIDAY: Z rib bun, oven tator tots, macaroni salad, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Taco in a tub, lettuce, cheese, tortilla chips/salsa, sliced peaches.  
THURSDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, pears, oatmeal cookie.  
FRIDAY: Fish/bun, fries, slaw (K-5 Lucky Tray Day). All meals include milk.


#### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or chicken patty/bun, oven fries, carrots, slaw, brownie, pears.  
TUESDAY: Sausage pizza or hamburger/bun, salad, applesauce.  
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, oven tri tator, peas, bread, margarine, peaches.  
THURSDAY:BBQ/bun or fish/bun, corn, salad, fruit crisp.  
FRIDAY: Z rib bun or hot dog/bun, oven tator tots, macaroni salad, pineapple.

#### Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Hot dog, baked beans, applesauce.  
TUESDAY: Sausage gravy/biscuit, tator tots, apple crisp.

## In the Hospital




#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

**Sept. 17, 1997**

**Admitted:** Pauline Miles and Alice Hardwick, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Bessie Wonderlin, Hoopeston.

## Weather



Partly cloudy today with a chance of thunderstorms. High 82. Tonight, cloudy, continued chance of showers. Low 65. Tomorrow, cooler, chance of showers. High near 66, low near 64. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 56, low near 45.

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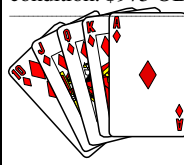
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Oakwood	\$4.78
Potomac	\$4.69
Catlin	\$4.68
Rossville-Alvin	\$4.65
Georgetown-Ridgefarm	\$4.48
Bismarck-Henning	\$4.20
Hoopeston Area	\$3.50

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Crescent City	\$5.95
Clifton	\$4.55
Watseka	\$4.54
Cissna Park	\$4.50
Donovan	\$4.44
Gilman-Onarga	\$4.38
Sheldon	\$4.34
Milford	\$4.33

FORD COUNTY

Gibson City-Melvin/Sibley	\$5.17
Paxton-Buckley/Loda	\$4.44